

BIG BUSINESS

A move to repeal Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code has been proposed by Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark.

Section 936 of the Internal Revenue Code allows pharmaceutical companies, probably the greediest and most self-righteous of America's industries, to avoid paying about \$3 billion in US taxes. It has proven such a boon to pharmaceutical companies that nearly half of all prescription medicine consumed in the United States is now manufactured in Puerto Rico.

Pharmaceuticals isn't the only industry that has taken advantage of the tax gimmick to eliminate jobs on the US mainland and move them to Puerto Rico.

The Agency for International Development—the government candy store for foreign dictators and politicians—spent tax dollars to encourage, with tax subsidies and tax breaks, American manufacturers to lay off people in the United States and move the jobs to Central American sweatshops, where Guatemalan women are paid 85 cents a pair to cut and sew blue jeans that will be sold in America for \$20 to \$50 a pair.

A Federal Reserve study says 1 percent of us owns 37 percent of everything in the United States, and their friends, the other 9 percent own 31 percent of what's left.

The remaining 32 percent is divided, (probably unevenly), by the remaining 90 percent of us.



- Industry spends US\$1.4 billion a year implementing classification regulations.

- The Department of Energy has 800 manuals, all classified, that specify what is to be classified. Three million people hold security clearances.

Confidential, secret and top-secret are just the start: a bewildering list of 'caveats' impose extra restrictions on how official documents are handled, and thousands of 'compartmented' programmes require additional, special clearances—even to learn the programme's name.

(Source: *US News & World Report*, 22 March 1993)

MEDIA MOGHULS & MEGA-MERGERS

The Mega-Merger

When Bell Atlantic and Telecommunications Inc. announced on 13 October that they planned to merge, Wall Street was delighted. The news media reported that the potential \$33-billion deal—the biggest in US history—sent communications and other high-tech stocks soaring.

The merger of Bell—a multimillion-dollar phone company—and TCI—the world's biggest cable corporation—will create, we are told, a "revolution in information and communications". Long articles have appeared in various big-business organs describing how this new conglomerate could combine the computer, television, cable and telephone industries into one giant mega-information highway.

Incidentally, Puerto Rico's non-voting representative in Congress supports Pryor, pointing out that only the industrialists, bankers and lawyers benefit, not the [Puerto Rican] people.

(Source: *Charlie Reese misc. activism progressive*, 4 March 1993, downloaded via Pegasus Networks)

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ARMS DEALERS ARE...

The Congressional Research Service reports that Britain, Russia and the US supplied 85 percent of all Third World weapons exports in 1992.

The US provided 57 percent—a 200 percent increase since the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War.

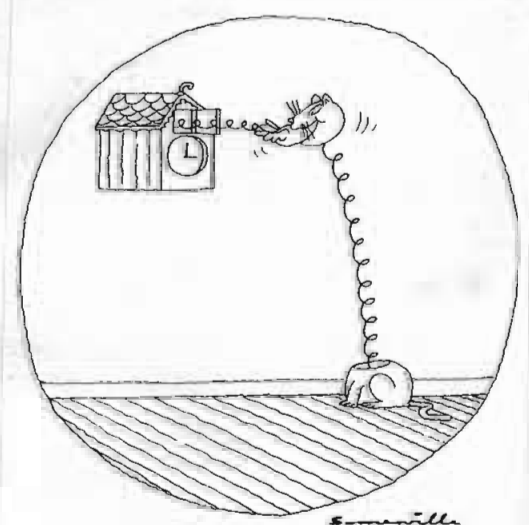
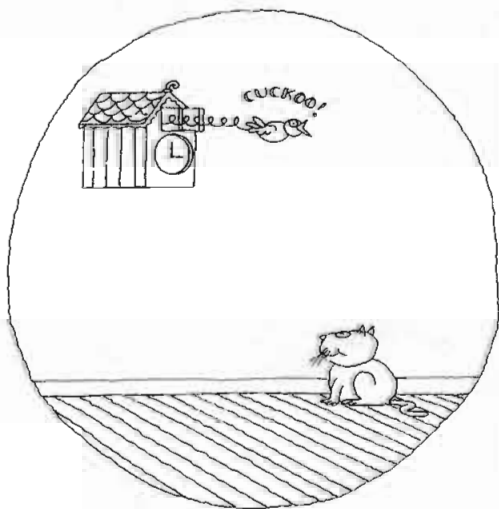
The US has poured US\$27 billion worth of arms into the Middle East in the last three years and stands to rake in US\$46 billion more in arms sales to Third World nations; 90 percent of which are ruled by unelected leaders.

(Source: *Earth Island Journal*, Summer 1993)

SECRETS OF THE CLASSIFIED-DATA UNIVERSE

- 6.3 million new documents were classified in 1992.

- 5,793 officials have the authority to classify documents.



Murdoch Buys On-Line Service

Media magnate Rupert Murdoch has purchased Delphi Internet Service, the fifth largest on-line service in the country.

John Markoff reports in *The New York Times* (3 September '93, p. C1), under a header running "A New Information Mass Market", "Rupert Murdoch's acquisition of Delphi Internet Services, a gateway to the global Internet computer network, may be the clearest indication yet that businesses are eager to tap into a remarkable market that is growing at almost a million new customers a month."

The acquisition will enable Murdoch to offer many of his company's magazines and newspapers electronically. Delphi is the only consumer-oriented on-line service to offer full access to the Internet.

Continental Cablevision also will be going through PSI Inc., "the largest private provider of Internet services", to "offer hundreds of thousands of telecommuters connections to the Internet via Continental's cable network". "It is the fear of being late to the party," Markoff perceptively comments, "that has communications and publishing companies rushing to repackage their products in digital form for the new information economy."

(Source: *The New York Times*, 2 September 1993, p. C3)

EARTH WOBBLER, OK?

A leading Brisbane scientist has expounded a revolutionary new theory dealing with the extermination of the dinosaurs, in his latest book, *Earth in Chaos*.

Dr Peter James, a London-trained Earth scientist, claims our fragile planet is periodically rocked by "wobbles" which cause tidal waves, earthquakes and volcanic explosions. He believes, contrary to orthodox theory, that the Earth has suffered cataclysmic disasters throughout history as a result of the wobbles.

Dr James has undertaken an exhaustive study of sun-worshipping religions in early Europe to back his controversial theory. He said several sun-wor-

shipping temples, built thousands of years before Christ to catch the rays of the rising sun, were "out of alignment" with each other. This indicated the Earth's orbit had changed over time.

He said early civilisations might have been wiped out entirely by Earth wobbles.

"Archaeologists have discovered the remains of the 4300 BC Halaf civilisation in Syria under several metres of silt, indicating a massive flood," Dr James said.

(Source: *The Courier-Mail*, 12 October 1993)

MOLECULAR MEMORY MAN TO BE EVICTED

No doubt many NEXUS readers have noticed the increasing assault by drug companies and their ilk upon natural medicines and therapies. Homeopathy, despite being good enough for the Royal Family, is nothing more than quackery if we are to believe the AMA.

Homeopathy received a temporary boost to its credibility when it was discovered by Jacques Benveniste, a French scientist, that water retains the "memory" of molecules it once contained. This was of particular interest to homeopaths, as nearly all homeopathic solutions are so dilute that there is virtually no detectable trace of the original ingredient left.

Of course when the AMA test a homeopathic remedy and find it contains nothing more detectable than brandy and water, they pronounce it all quackery and put any success down to the placebo effect.

But Jacques Benveniste's research earned him the wrath of the Establishment. The amount of time and energy spent by rep-

utable magazines and scientists denouncing him, clearly indicates someone's sacred cow was being threatened.

Benveniste has now taken his theories further, saying that the "memory" of his very dilute solutions can be "switched off" by a magnetic field. This shows, he says, that the effect is created by electromagnetic signals left in the water by the antibody molecules.

In a typical Establishment response to such a theory, Benveniste is to be evicted from his laboratory in Paris, when INSERM, the National Institute for Medical Research, plans to close down the immunopharmacology unit headed by Benveniste at the end of the year.

Benveniste claims he is the victim of "ideological repression".

(Source: *New Scientist*, 23 October 1993)

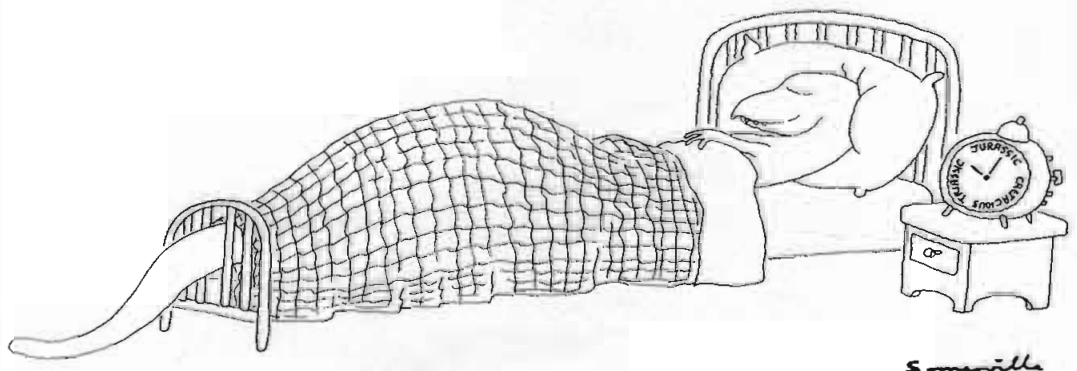
CHALLENGE TO ICE AGE THEORY?

OSLO — A polar bear that died about 60,000 years ago in its Arctic cave is challenging modern theories about the Ice Age because it seems to have lived in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Bones from the bear discovered in Norway's Arctic, are likely to be the oldest ever found, said Mr Rolv Lie of the University of Bergen.

But scientists are wondering what the polar bear and other animals were doing in northern Norway when the area was supposed to be sealed under an ice-cap that would have made such life impossible.

Geologists believe that Norway was encased in ice during the last glacial epoch, beginning about 80,000 years ago and end-



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ing about 10,000 years ago.

Mr Lie and other scientists have also found bones of two other polar bears, as well as remains of wolves, seals, mice, ants and pollen. Mr Lie said the abundance of animal and plant life suggested that Norway was relatively warm for most or all of the Ice Age. It could not have been continuously covered with ice as was believed.

(Source: *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 28 August 1993)

COMET COLLISION—BY JOVE!

Hopefully there are some NEXUS readers out there who saw the follow-up movie to 2001, titled 2010. For those who missed it, the movie ended with Jupiter turning into another sun within our solar system. I notice many psychics and prophets have also implied that in our future we will have two 'suns'.

These future-watchers may be interested to note that in July 1994 a comet is expected to collide with Jupiter.

The impact will occur over a five- or six-day period, when about 17 pieces of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 (where do they get these names?) will smash into the far side of Jupiter.

The nucleus of the comet is estimated to be up to 4.8 km wide and could release millions of times more energy than the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

The space probe Galileo will be in a position to photograph the fragments as they burn up in the atmosphere.

(Source: *Sun Herald*, 3 October 1993)

SOVIET WAR PLAN TO TRIGGER U.S. EARTHQUAKES

It has been revealed that Soviet generals considered building "seismic bombs" which could be exploded underground at strategic points in order to devastate the USA with earthquakes and tidal waves.

Mr Oleg Kalugin, a former KGB general and counter-intelligence chief, said he discovered the research into geophysical warfare when he became the KGB watchdog over research at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in 1988.

The idea first emerged in the 1960s, when Soviet scientists noticed that underground nuclear tests were often followed a few days later by earthquakes, often hundreds of kilometres away.

Once the military learned in the 1980s that an underground nuclear shock wave might be harnessed into a weapon, civilian geologists were given generous research grants to investigate further.

Some Russian scientists believe the earthquake that devastated Armenia in 1988, in which 45,000 people were killed, was precipitated by an underground nuclear explosion.

(Source: *The Australian*, 13 September 1993)

VACCINE FACTS THE AMA WON'T TELL YOU!

In the USA, deaths resulting from small-pox vaccination now exceed those caused by smallpox itself. (Ref: *International Medical Digest*, July 1969.)

More people have contracted polio in the USA from the Sabine vaccine than from naturally occurring polio viruses, in the period since 1961. (Ref: Dr Jonas Salk.)

A study published in the January 1977 issue of *The Lancet* concluded that the risk of permanent brain damage in children from Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine "far exceeds the present risk of death or permanent damage from whooping cough, or even, in some parts of the country, the chance of contracting it".

In the same issue of *The Lancet*, Dr G. Stewart, head of the Department of Community Medicine at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, revealed that "thirty per cent of our whooping cough cases are occurring in vaccinated patients".

Statistics from Los Angeles County in the 1950s show that as reported cases of polio declined (after the start of the massive inoculation programme), reported cases of meningitis increased by almost the same amount that the polio cases declined. Since the symptoms of non-paralytic polio are very difficult to distinguish from meningitis, it may be that little or no real changes resulted from the immunisation programme at all.

MORE DODGY DRUGS

Four out of every five anti-diarrhoeal remedies on the market around the world are useless, while half of all cough and cold remedies and a fifth of all painkillers contain potentially harmful ingredients.

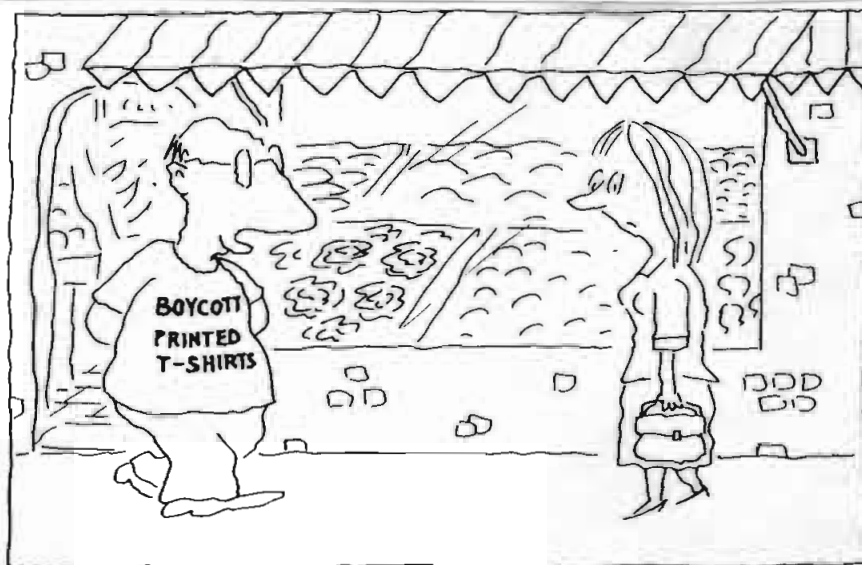
These figures are published in a new edition of the book, *Problem Drugs*, compiled by Health Action International.

The book also reveals that drugs banned in Western countries because of harmful effects on people, are still being aggressively marketed to Third World countries.

The problem is so bad that in 1983 an international network of doctors and pharmacists was formed to monitor and lobby against misleading and dangerous marketing practices employed by drug companies.

The Medical Lobby for Appropriate Marketing (MALAM) have had some success as a result of active lobbying, and almost all of the pharmaceutical multinationals have been criticised for their marketing techniques.

(Sources: *New Scientist*, 18 September 1993; *The Guardian Weekly*, 26 September 1993)



SMART CARD PASSPORT CONTROL

Travellers entering some ports of the USA are being asked to offer a hand, pardon the pun, to test an automatic system for identifying passengers. The system, known as Inpass, aims to speed the travellers through Immigration controls by identifying them by the structure of their hands.

Inpass provides each traveller with a smart card, on which is recorded a mathematical description of the shape of their hand. On arrival in the USA, the traveller runs the card through the machine and places the hand into a scanner, which checks that the hand fits the description on the card. If hand and card match, the machine issues an entry pass and opens a gate, allowing the traveller to enter the country.

A test in 1991 by researchers at the US Department of Energy's Sandia National Laboratories, showed that the hand geometry system made fewer mistakes than identification systems using voiceprints or retinal patterns.

(Source: *New Scientist*, 16 October 1993)

THIRD SPACECRAFT DISAPPEARS

Something strange must be going on in space. The latest incident involves the Landsat 6 remote-sensing satellite, which has disappeared without trace since its launch on 12 October.

Landsat 6, which cost US\$220 million, was launched on a refurbished Titan 2 nuclear missile from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Officials believe the rocket functioned correctly, but the satellite never made contact with ground control.

Incidentally, the manufacturer, Martin Marietta Astro Space, also built the Mars Observer and a civilian weather satellite, both of which have gone mute—or gone!

(Source: *New Scientist*, 16 October 1993)

MILLENNIAL MESS?

Your computers will go buggy in the year 2000. Most machines use only the last two digits of a year in their calculations (e.g., 93 for 1993) so the 00 will screw up a lot of mathematics, including interest and pension calculations. *Computer World* estimates this will cost \$50 billion to fix, with each Fortune 50 company taking a hit of up to \$100 million.

(Source: *Fortune*, 4 October 1993)

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN MOSCOW by Bill Doares

Shortly after his tanks set Russia's Parliament House ablaze, President Boris Yeltsin called up Bill Clinton. According to a White House spokesperson, Yeltsin 'reassured' the US president that "an obstacle to reform and democracy has been removed".

Most of Russia's elected legislators were in prison. Newspapers that disagreed with Yeltsin were banned. So were most of the country's political parties. Hundreds of protesters had been shot; thousands were arrested. And Yeltsin was preparing to ban the Constitutional Court.

Clinton was pleased. Russia, he declared at a press conference, is "on the path to democracy".

The corporate US news media joined with Clinton in trying to justify Yeltsin's vicious measures. With little variation in language, their headlines and sound bites hailed this reign of terror as a 'defence of democracy'. *Time* magazine called those opposed to Yeltsin "a drunken mob of hardliners". *The New York Times* one-upped them with "a noxious crowd of thugs".

It turns out on closer look that the 'armed thugs' were tens of thousands of workers whose lives are being shattered by Yeltsin's 'reforms'.

Russia's elected Parliament wouldn't agree to Yeltsin's plans to rapidly turn state-owned industry over to Western investors. So Yeltsin 'abolished' the Parliament. He cut off Parliament House's heat, water and electricity and surrounded it with troops. When thousands of workers, many of them elderly retirees, protested Yeltsin's actions, they were brutally assaulted by the real armed thugs—the OMON riot police.

Writing in the 10 October *European*, Moscow-based reporter Vitali Vitaliev said, "For some reason the clashes of Yeltsin's OMON with the still peaceful anti-Yeltsin protesters in Moscow on 30 September [three days before the events at the White House] went largely unreported in the West. The scuffles were at the Barrikadnaya and Pushkinskaya metro stations, quite a distance from Parliament House."

Describing live reports on Moscow radio, Vitaliev told how "OMON daredevils were picking up the weakest and oldest in the crowd and beating them up. 'What are they doing?' the reporter was screaming. 'An OMON thug has just rushed at an elderly woman on the escalator and broken her leg!' The chairman of the Cheryomushkinsky district council, who was passing, was pushed to the ground and kicked unconscious by OMON men."

On 3 October, after days of such outrages, tens of thousands of workers, armed only with sticks, responded to a call by Labor Russia and other communist organisations and marched on the Parliament building. They put Yeltsin's goons to flight. They then marched to the central TV station, which had barred anti-Yeltsin views, and demanded to be allowed on the air. Yeltsin's forces opened fire on the marchers, killing dozens. Said oil worker Dolgikh, "When we were across the street, the shooting started. I thought they were shooting in the air, but it was at the people. In the first volley I was hit. The bullet penetrated my intestines."

The massacre at the TV tower began a reign of terror. Early on 4 October, Yeltsin's tanks opened fire on Parliament House. They kept firing for hours, although the legislators ordered their meagerly armed defenders not to shoot back. The 5 October *Moscow Tribune*, an English-language pro-Yeltsin daily, reported that Yeltsin's troops were shooting "in all directions" and that a number of civilians were hit.

Russia's largest newspaper, the pro-Yeltsin daily *Izvestia*, admitted in a 6 October headline, "Troops Near the White House Shot Everything That Moved". At least 190 people were killed, almost all of them anti-Yeltsin protesters. Some 1,500 arrested anti-Yeltsin protesters "underwent 'filtration' on the field of Malaya Sports Arena," *The European* reported. The majority of Moscow's City Council were arrested.

During the next few days the Yeltsin regime banned *Pravda*, *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, *Molnya* and other opposition newspapers. It banned Russia's largest political party, the 600,000-member Communist Party of the Russian Federation, along with the Russian Communist Workers Party, Labor Russia, the Union of Communist Parties of the Soviet Union, the National Salvation Front and parliamentary leader Aleksandr Rutskoi's Party of Free Russia.

A witchhunt was launched in the search for opposition leaders, especially Victor Anpilov of Labor Russia and the Russian Communist Workers Party. Anpilov was arrested near Tula on 7 October. Charges against the parliamentary and working-class leaders are pending, and will probably be serious.

Clinton, Yeltsin and the bankers and businessmen behind them may hope that by crushing Parliament they have cleared the way for the wholesale takeover of Russia by US corporations. But there is a much bigger obstacle in their way: Russia's multinational working class. And it is just beginning to fight.

(Source: *Workers World Service*, 55 West 17 St, New York, NY 10011; written 2:17 pm, 18 October 1993, by ww@blythe.org in peg.alt.conspiracy)